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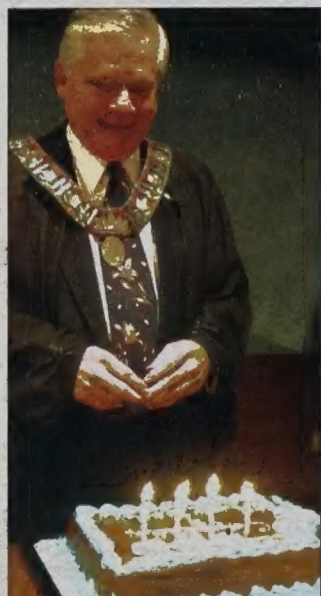
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Daren Lum/TIMES

A little Rudolph

Junior Kindergarten student Conner Murray was one of the many students who enjoyed the annual Archie Stouffer Elementary School Christmas Concert. Murray and his classmates wore paper antlers for the event that drew the entire school into the gym that morning.

Minden father killed in sledding accident

A tragic snowmobiling accident in the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Preserve claimed the life of Minden resident John Buchanan last week.

He was out with friends on the trails when he lost control of the snowmobile on a curve and crashed into a rockface at approximately 7:30 p.m. on December 18.

Buchanan was a firefighter stationed at Pearson International Airport in Toronto and had been cottaging in Haliburton County for years before moving to the area with his wife Julie and two children, high school student Kenton McGann and Natasha McGann, who attends Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

It was the second accident in two days at the Haliburton Forest.

The first occurred at 2:50 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Emergency services responded to the accident and a man was taken out to receive medical attention for what is thought to have been a broken leg, says Miles Maughan, Dysart et al Fire Chief.

A day later Buchanan was travelling northbound, approximately 1.2 miles north of the base camp, at an unknown speed when he entered a left curve and struck the rock face on the right side of the trail.

The funeral will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Gordon Monk Funeral Home chapel. A contingent of firefighters will be among the mourners paying their respects.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Minden Hills reeve is county's newest warden

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney got one of the best birthday presents he could wish for last Tuesday night when his fellow county councillors chose him as the head of the county's government.

As the new county warden, Rigney says that the new accessibility committee and emergency services committee will be among his top priorities during his year in office.

Rigney thanked his fellow county councillors for their vote of confidence and looked forward to their support as the county prepared to face the many issues that will come up next year.

Although he's been a long-time proponent of one-tier (county) government, Rigney said that the current structure of four large municipalities is an acceptable compromise. "We can still make it work by wearing our county hats," he said in his short acceptance speech.

Other issues the county must address include the suggestion that it take over responsibility for waste management. "Cost increases are almost out of control," he said. "As a county, we should be able to plan a long-term strategy."

He said recent announcements about a new funding program called Future Directions might prove to be the county's answer to FedNor funding.

Rigney was nominated by Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. Fearrey briefly outlined Rigney's career, which included 37 years in various capacities and locations with Sears Canada. Retiring to the family's cottage on Canning Lake in 1994, Rigney has been president of his lake association, sat on boards and corporations, acted as the county's CAO and chamber of commerce manager during staff transitions and is the former reeve of Snowdon.

After the swearing in ceremony, Rigney was presented with a birthday cake.

*"We can make it
work by wearing our
county hats"*

ROSS RIGNEY

Hyland Crest's transfer of ownership finally reaches the last stage

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The Private Member's Bill which will allow the county to get out of a requirement to own a home for the aged should be ready to be introduced to the Ontario legislature early in the new year.

The bill, which was written by a lawyer for the county with input from provincial lawyers, is the last step to finalize the transfer of Hyland Crest from the county to Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The Ontario Municipal Act requires all counties to own a seniors' home. Several years ago, however, when the Ministry of Health was determining where the health-care resources should be allocated in Haliburton County, the Ministry said HHHS should take over the operation of Hyland Crest.

The county had been subsidizing the Minden facility since its inception but under a management agreement with Extendicare, had greatly reduced its financial commitment.

Recognizing that it had no choice in the matter, the county agreed to sell Hyland Crest to HHHS for \$1 and began the long process in coming up with a Private Member's Bill to get around the legislative requirement to own a seniors' home.

At Wednesday's county council meeting, county CAO Gary King said that when the county first drafted legislation, it was for a partial exemption. With input from the province's lawyer, it's been changed to a full exemption, which is better for the county - and therefore worth the long wait.

"Things are definitely progressing," King reassured council.

The Ontario legislature, as well as the province's lawyers, began their Christmas break on December 12, so the final stage will take place in the new year. Once the wording is finalized and a backbench MPP is signed on to table the bill, it must be advertised locally as well as in the Ontario Gazette for four consecutive weeks. It then goes to a vote in the legislature.



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Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney was all smiles on his birthday last Tuesday. He was chosen by his fellow county councillors as the new warden.

HHHS contains Norwalk virus

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

The Norwalk virus has not affected operations at either of Haliburton Highlands Health Services' sites.

Lynn Johnston, HHHS chief nursing officer, told the board of directors during their recent meeting that the Norwalk Virus or a similar virus causing vomiting and diarrhea did affect a few of the staff but none of the patients had contracted it. However, 15 long-term care residents were affected.

She says staff followed the Extendicare protocol and installed hand washing stations outside of each of the resident's rooms. The stations used an alcohol gel which is more effective than soap and water. Part of the protocol, she explained, was limiting staff to working at only one site and keeping the cook, for example, in the kitchen. Patients and residents agreed to be isolated and were served meals in their rooms to limit contact risk.

"I'm hoping it's been contained," says Johnston.

A press release from the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit states there have been many cases of people in Haliburton County exhibiting signs of Norwalk. The Norwalk virus is the cause of gastroenteritis causing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Some people may also get abdominal pain, headaches, low-grade fever or a combination of all these.

The virus spreads easily through contact with surfaces such as in bathrooms, door handles or from food that has been handled by an infectious person. The virus can remain on a surface for up to 12 days.

There have been 41 outbreaks in the long-term care facilities and hospitals in the HKPR area in the past year alone.

Johnston says the protocols in place seemed to have worked well and the residents are looking forward to returning to the schedule of holiday entertainment and visitors.



Long-time volunteer Dottie Muirhead says she gets as much enjoyment from volunteering her time as residents, such as Lilian Miller, get from her visits.

Helping hands

Volunteers make Hyland Crest residents feel part of the community

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

There's something you can give this Christmas that won't cost you a cent. Your time.

At Hyland Crest, it's not easy for the residents to get out to enjoy the community's events and fellowship, so they need

the community to come to them.

"Where would we be without people who care," Lilian Harrison asks as she works away in the craft room with four other residents.

Helping her prepare the table settings for the family Christmas dinner this Friday night is Dottie Muirhead. Thirteen years ago, Muirhead came to Hyland Crest to visit a friend. Even though that friend has since passed away, she's spent part of her week at the seniors home ever since.

"You get just as much enjoyment out of it as the residents do," she says of what keeps her coming back. "I've been paid back countless times with their smiles."



"Where would we be without people who care," asks Hyland Crest resident Lilian Harrison who was busy volunteering her own time to help decorate the Minden seniors home for its Christmas dinner with families. Unfortunately, the dinner had to be postponed over fears of the Norwalk Virus.

It's not only the residents who don't know what they'd do without volunteers like Muirhead.

"Dottie's a true volunteer," says Melinda O'Mara, the director of long-term care at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which runs Hyland Crest under its umbrella of services. "She visits with residents, takes them out shopping and gets little things for them."

"Dottie's very giving, very caring. She's not doing it for show; she's doing it because she loves it. She wants what's best for residents."

Linda Robertson, the activities co-ordinator, says there's a special need for one-on-one volunteers, people who will just

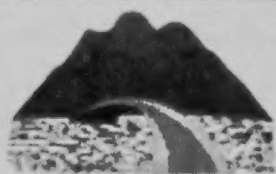
come in and chat or listen.

"Volunteers are important in helping the residents socialize and get out to the various activities — they need the invitation, 'come with me,'" she says.

"It creates conversation and gives us people contact," says resident Margaret Foote, who's also spending this Tuesday afternoon with Muirhead in the craft room.

When asked what she'd tell someone to convince them to become a volunteer, Harrison pauses for only a second. "If you want to make your life feel fulfilled, come and help someone else," she says.

To take Harrison up on her advice, please call Linda Robertson at 286-2140.



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Auxiliary embodies 'a sense of giving'

Volunteer group has already raised \$10,000 for Minden healthcare facility

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Hyland Crest residents' eyes light up when they receive their gift bags overflowing with Christmas treats.

Patients who have to spend a few hours at the Minden healthcare centre's emergency department find it a bit easier to turn around on the new, wider and softer stretcher.

And the visitors to the Minden facility are thrilled when they can buy a nice little present for a friend or relative at the well-stocked gift shop.

All these things are made possible thanks to the generous spirits of the volunteers who make up the Minden Health Care Auxiliary.

Whether they're raising money to buy new equipment or taking around the tuck cart to Hyland Crest residents, the Minden facility is a better place because of them.

"It's the sense of giving - giving of your time and skills," the Auxiliary's past president, Donna Monk, says of why she enjoys her work at the Minden facility. "You just go away from here with a good feeling."

"It's all about helping," agrees president Corinne Arsenault. "It's a worthwhile thing and the residents appreciate it."

Billie Shuyler, the Auxiliary's vice president, is quick to add that it's also the fellowship which makes volunteering so much a part of her week.

"A lot of us," Monk says, "have made good friends through the Auxiliary and have a fun time."

Although it is only a couple of years old, the Auxiliary already has 60 members - women and men. Some volunteers are older - one is 80 - and some are still working, but all of them share these three women's sense of satisfaction and achievement. Together they've raised - and donated - \$10,000 and have logged 5,000 volunteer hours.

The Auxiliary was formed in August 2000. The upgraded facility included a new gift shop and Donna Monk was



The gift shop at the Minden healthcare facility has very reasonably priced gifts for residents and patients, many of them hand-made. The gift shop is run by the Auxiliary. On its executive is Billie Shuyler, vice president, Corinne Arsenault, president, and Donna Monk, past president.

among those who realized that it would need volunteers to run it.

"Six of us got together and said 'Let's get something rolling,'" she remembers. Those six were Monk, Arsenault, Norma Noble, Fern Donnelly, Katie Parker and Bonnie Fleishaker.

They were amazed by how many people were quick to join them.

While the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is responsible for raising money for the capital expansion, the Auxiliary is not allowed to raise money for "bricks and mortar." Instead, they concentrate on the things which make life at the facility better for the residents, patients and staff.

Volunteers can get involved in many ways. Some prefer to help with the fundraisers, either organizing a card party or craft sale, making things which can be

sold in the gift shop or rounding up donations for a raffle. Those who enjoy working with the public volunteer to work at the gift shop or sell hot dogs and pop at the Friday night Music by the Gull in the summer. Others like to have more contact with the residents, volunteering to play cards with them, or take around the tuck cart once a week. The Martha Stewarts on the Auxiliary decorated the utilitarian tub room to make it homier for the bathing residents.

"Whatever you can do to help, we can fit you in," Arsenault says to prospective volunteers.

However, a bit more help with the gift shop would be appreciated. It is open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays to Sundays, with longer hours during special occasions such as the Christmas open house.

Meanwhile, the Auxiliary continues to

be impressed by how generously the local businesses and townspeople respond to their requests for help.

"We are indebted to the community," says Arsenault. "We wouldn't be able to do it without them. They've been super."

Thanks to this support, the Auxiliary has already been very helpful to the facility. In the emergency department, they've donated a neo-natal scale, x-ray grid, vital sign monitor and stretcher. At Hyland Crest, the 62 residents get wonderful gift bags every Christmas, there are new, special thermometers and the tub room is beautifully decorated.

If you would like to help the Auxiliary continue this tradition of caring, either by volunteering or making a donation (the Auxiliary does have charitable foundation status), please call Corinne Arsenault at 489-3330 or Billie Shuyler at 286-4531.

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Septage transfer station next option on the block

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

A proposal by Algonquin Highlands to build a septage lagoon at the Pine Springs landfill site might be put on the back burner unless council can come to an agreement on an alternative solution for township residents who need their holding tanks pumped out this winter.

"This problem is not going to go away," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison at Thursday's council meeting. "Council needs to take a stand. The Not In My Backyard Syndrome (NIMBY) is strong."

Council was set to push forward on the development of a septage lagoon at Pine Springs until a heated public meeting on November 28, when residents who live around the landfill site asked the township to find alternative solutions.

More than 70 residents turned out, in the middle of a snow storm, to find out more about the possibility of having a septage lagoon as a neighbour.

"While most people recognize the need for some form of treatment and disposal, they would all prefer for it to be someone else's problem," said Thomas Grace of Grace & Associates in a letter to the township after the public meeting. Grace is one of the consultants working on the proposal.

Residents were asked to fill out question/concern sheets. Grace said the majority of the responses were related to concerns with well and surface water contamination and the municipality finding an alternative solution to the problem. The next major issues were odour, traffic and property value.

"Based on this, it is apparent that surface/groundwater contamination and odour must be addressed to satisfy most of the residents affected by any wastewater treatment facility proposed at the Pine Springs landfill site," Grace said.

Grace says the township is faced with two other options for this winter. The first is for the township to do nothing; the next is to consider installing a transfer station.

Haulers could unload the contents of

the holding tanks at the transfer station and it would be delivered to another facility for processing.

It costs about \$400 to have holding tanks emptied in the winter months.

"This could be proposed as the first phase of a plan to construct a suitable wastewater treatment facility," said Grace.

Harrison said the township needs to take the second option.

"We need to give people in that area a chance to see [that a septage lagoon] isn't anything that will create damage," Harrison said. "To me, a transfer station is only a Band-aid solution but we have to keep moving forward. We haven't solved the problem, we've only bought some time."

"The letters have not said, 'don't put in a transfer station.'"

She said that by doing nothing, the township will only be putting its head in the sand and the transfer station would give the township a chance to "break people in" to the idea of a lagoon.

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed wanted to make sure that a transfer station would be cost-effective.

"Will it be cheaper or cost us more in the long run? It doesn't seem fair that people with septic systems subsidize those with holding tanks," Shortreed said.

Harrison said that wouldn't be the case. She said the station would likely be operated on a user-pay basis. However, no decisions have been made.

Shortreed said he would only be in favour of the idea if the township could recover the costs associated.

"I don't want to do nothing, but I don't want to be pressured either," he said.

The township has one other site that could fit the bill for a possible septage lagoon - Maple Lake landfill site. Harrison said the Pine Springs location is more central to the amalgamated municipality, and the township is going to run into the exact same problem at Maple Lake.

Councillors asked for more statistics and financial information before making a final decision in the new year.

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Development Corporation gets early Christmas gift: \$785,000

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The Haliburton County Development Corporation got an early Christmas present from Industry Canada. Last week at the Delta Pinestone Resort, Secretary of State Andy Mitchell and local MP John O'Reilly were on hand to present the development corporation with a \$785,000 cash infusion.

"In its 17th year of operation, the HCDC continues to play a crucial role in the economic development of Haliburton County, acting as a catalyst for continual growth," O'Reilly said.

The majority of the money, \$750,000, will go towards operating costs for the development corporation, said HCDC General Manager Andy Campbell.

The money will help offset such things as rent space and economic development work, Mitchell said.

"The Government of Canada is collaborating with this important community partner to encourage new development that will benefit the citizens of this region," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said that HCDC is a successful initiative

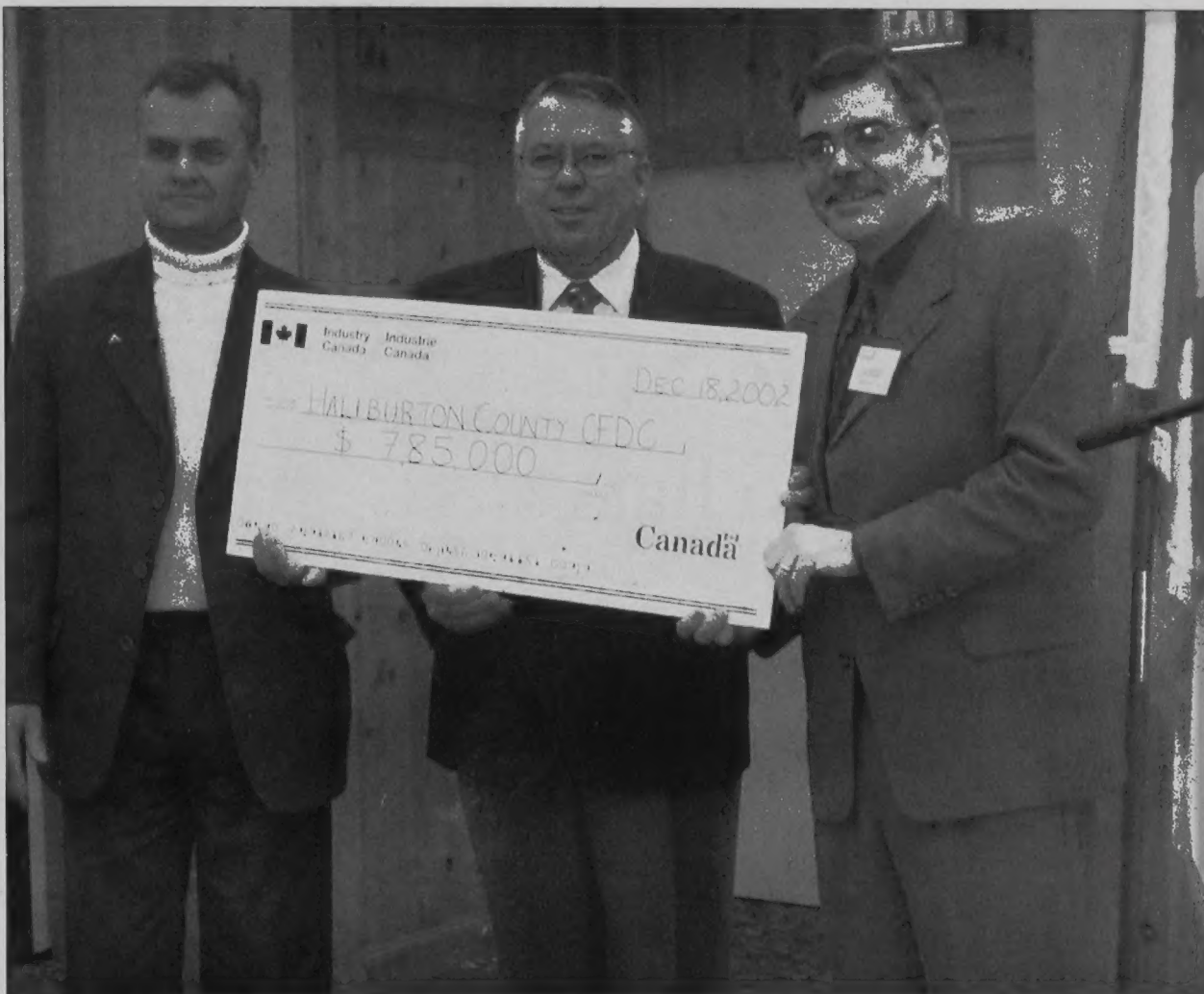
because it is a "bottom-up" organization. Decisions are made by a local board of directors, which allows the HCDC to identify and designate how funding will be spread out to best fit the county. Before the funding announcement, Mitchell and O'Reilly met with the Board of Directors to discuss a few issues of interest.

Campbell said that Industry Canada usually sub-

dizes HCDC annually with \$250,000 annually, but this time the development corporation applied for a three-year proposal, worth \$750,000. The additional \$35,000 is earmarked for Connect Haliburton, to help offset wages for a coordinator.

"We are extremely pleased," Campbell said.

Before the funding announcement, Mitchell and O'Reilly met with the HCDC Board of Directors.



Allison Taylor/TIMES

HCDC Board Chairman Austin Fults receives a cheque for \$785,000 from Industry Canada last week. Haliburton-Victoria-Brock MP John O'Reilly and Secretary of State Andy Mitchell were on hand for the presentation.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Two hats

The proposed Volunteer Firefighters Employment Protection Act, 2002 was defeated in Provincial Parliament on December 11. If it had been passed those career firefighters who chose to volunteer for their local rural fire departments would not have had to worry about losing their jobs because unions representing them frown on the practice. Union officials claim the two-hatters jeopardize their performance at their regular jobs by working for what they call "paid on call" or what we commonly refer to as volunteer fire departments.

It could be argued that "volunteer" firefighters do receive some remuneration for their services and are therefore stretching the true meaning of the term volunteer. Most volunteer firefighters have full-time jobs/professions which they must leave to attend a fire or other emergency where their skills are required. Asking them to take time from their full-time jobs to perform this valuable service without any compensation is unreasonable.

The unions and the fire chiefs for whom the career firefighters work argue that the job is a dangerous one and that, in effect, two-hatters are on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is a vast difference between being on call and being on the job. We all know our limitations and it is unlikely anyone would jeopardize a full-time position by spending too much time either at a part-time job or recreational activity.

What the opponents of two-hatters are advocating is restrictions on what career firefighters can do on their time off. Given the hours career firefighters work – often times spending 12 hours a day at work for a four-day stretch and having three or four days off – there is ample opportunity for them to work at other jobs on a part-time basis. Some take shifts as paramedics, armed guards for security companies or spend some of their free time as members of auxiliary police forces or any number of jobs and pastimes which could be dangerous. Will the opponents of two-hatters insist that career firefighters be prohibited from engaging in these activities as well? And will prohibitions extend to recreational activities such as sky-diving or mountain climbing?

If the off-duty activities of a firefighter affect his or her work there is a legitimate reason to correct the situation by forcing the individual to choose between career or the activity that affects his or her on-the-job performance. But to assume a person's performance will be negatively affected by serving as an on-call volunteer firefighter is unreasonable.

Rural communities rely on volunteer fire department personnel. Budgets don't allow the hiring of full-time firefighters. Volunteer firefighters are professionals. They are well trained and capable. But instead of being a full-time career, they perform their services when the need arises.

Career firefighters who choose to assist the fire departments in their home communities can be a valuable asset by helping with training and sharing expertise and knowledge gained through experience.

Representing an area with many rural volunteer fire departments, local MPP Chris Hodgson knows how valuable two-hatters can be and he voted in favour of the proposed legislation. Most MPPs who represent rural areas would concur. In this case, most MPPs who represent urban areas sided with the union position and, once again, the urban view won out.

Until it can be proven that working as on-call volunteers is detrimental to career firefighters' regular jobs, we see no reason to restrict their right to do whatever they see fit during their time off. What we do on our free time is our own business. If on-the-job performance suffers for any reason, then the employer has a right to expect adjustments to be made to rectify the situation.

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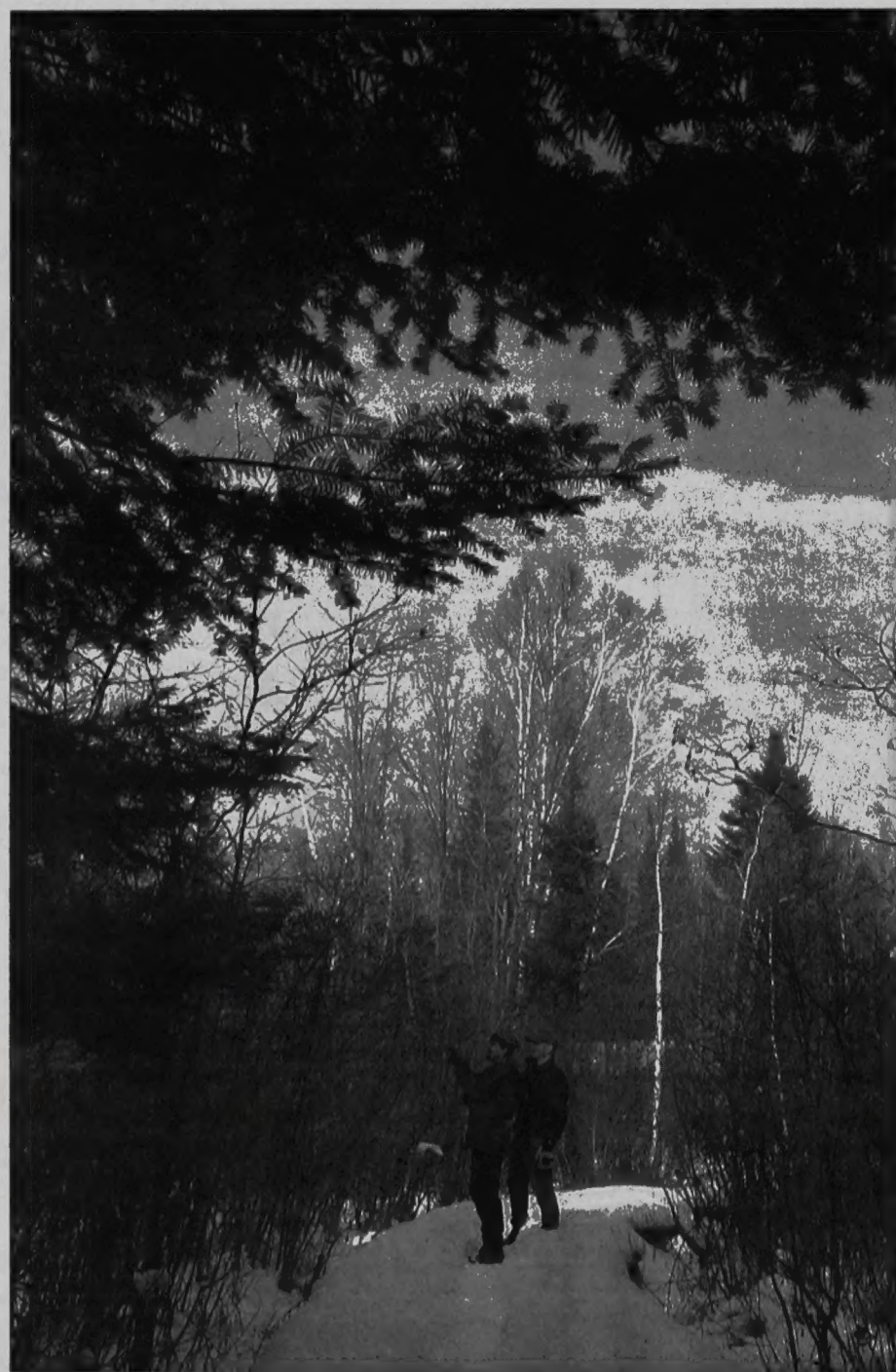
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Dog cruelty sparks feedback

To the Editor,

Re: "A Sad Tale," The Times,
December 16/02

I haven't found words to express the heartbreak I felt as I read about the abused dog that was taken to Minden Animal Hospital. I pray to God the person who treated this dog, so cruelly will have the guts and backbone to come forward and get help. He should not be allowed to own an animal of any kind the rest of his life.

Dogs are to be cared for and loved, NOT neglected. I admire the top quality vets and staff at Minden Animal Hospital.

I submit this poem in memory of the unnamed dog that was found beside the road near Kinmount.

A Dog's Prayer

Dear Lord, when I was just a pup
I saw this world with joy
And felt the love given me
From every girl and boy
The older ones I gave comfort
That drove away lonely fears
And many times I was able
To lick away sad tears.
Dear Lord I know why I was created
And what I was meant to be

see CELEBRATING page 9

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Monkey business

I've heard of a lot strange things over the last year but perhaps none more bizarre than the act perpetrated by Californian Robert Cusack. In a routine check, Los Angeles International Airport security caught him smuggling two endangered monkeys – in his pants. I'm not sure, however, if they were endangered because of their status in the wild or because they were in his pants. I suppose that depends on what Mr. Cusack ate the night before.

Regardless, I'll try to wrap my mind around the sheer logistics of such an endeavour.

First off, we know that they were rare pygmy monkeys, six to ten inches in length, native to Thailand and Southeast Asia. Though I haven't been able to learn anything about their habits yet, I'm hoping, for Mr. Cusack's sake, that they do not make a practice of taking refuge in caves during times of high stress. Otherwise things could have got ugly for both monkey and man.

In fact, let's abolish that notion from our minds and merely deal with the complex problems that might arise from having two free-ranging monkeys in your pants during an intercontinental flight. It's been my experience that these are many.

It was reported that when customs finally rooted them out they were safely snuggled inside of Cusack's underwear, which basically tells me that he's one of the most trusting men I've ever heard of, especially since they survive in the wild on a diet of bird's eggs and nuts.

By the way, they first showed up on x-ray scanners. The funny thing is that these monkeys usually hang by their feet and curl up in a tight ball when they sleep. I don't know about you but I'd have given anything to see the look on

the X-ray technician's face when this image first presented itself.

Why didn't he sedate them for the flight? Well, Mr. Cusack is a self-proclaimed animal lover. As such, it

wouldn't be in character for him to subdue the animals he's smuggling. If he did, however, I believe we can safely presume that he would have used organic gasses to put them out.

It's also safe to assume that Mr. Cusack wore pants with a relaxed fit, perhaps those baggy bottomed jeans that still have some measure of popularity with kids today. If so, that would mean that the monkeys spent most of their in-flight experience in the

ample space provided just below the crotch area. For once I'll take the high road and avoid all the monkey-vine

analogies.

Still, I'm guessing that even one lively 6- to 10-inch object in the crotch of a man's pants is enough to draw undue attention and perhaps even applause. Imagine the reaction garnered by two. And when those objects are flailing around and making strange primate noises, I believe its safe to say that the passengers sitting next to Cusack might have been just a tad uneasy, or, depending on their outlook, genuinely envious. Who knows? In my warped mind, I can easily envision a lovely stewardess asking, "Is that a monkey in your pocket or are you just glad to see me?" To which, Cusack would have just returned an uncomfortable smile and then asked for a side order of bananas with his in-flight meal.

I guess the big technical question here is: boxers or briefs? Perhaps some things are best left to the imagination. I do know, however, that we can rule out thongs. Hey, I've never seen a monkey that looks good in one.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

You must remember disk...

Nothing like the Death of a Giant to kick the slats out of the media adjective corral. Reporters love Big Deaths. When a Trudeau topples or a Queen Mom passes the papers are instantly awash in ink. The TV talking heads wag in stately two-four time; the radio announcers drone on at great lugubrious length. Solemn editorials are penned; paeans from anguished readers speckle the letters to the editor page.

Quite a chasm between the funeral gushes the great receive and the seven or eight line obligatory obit you and I will rate when we finally kick – but that's okay. We won't be around to read it anyway.

But there's a group of humans who really get shafted when they shuffle off the mortal coil. I mean the folks who deserve a big tribute but don't get it. Sure, the artists who write great books, compose timeless music and paint masterpieces deserve praise at their passing. Likewise for the geniuses who invented penicillin and smashed the atom. But what about the others? What about, for instance, Ed Headrick?

You bet Ed Headrick! Born 1904, died just a few weeks ago – and hardly a peep in the press about it. Oh, he got a reasonably warm couple of paragraphs in the Globe and Mail. They mentioned how Ed

was a World War II Vet and how he liked to play the xylophone – but this was buried in the back pages. For my money, Ed's death should have been a front page, stop the press, banner headlined feature story.

Because Ed Headrick invented the Frisbee.

Well, not so much invented, as refined it. College kids had been flinging paint can lids, plastic tops and various and sundry disks since the 1950's. (As a matter of fact, the very name Frisbee comes from an old pie tin that was manufactured by The Frisbie Baking Company.) It was a lot of fun

but you were never quite sure what the disk was going to do once you launched it. A company named Wham-O came up with a patented plastic toy it called The Flying Saucer. It performed somewhat better and it looked a lot like a Frisbee except for one tiny feature: the top was as smooth as a baby's bottom.

That's where Ed Headrick came in. Back in 1964, Ed discovered that adding a series of tiny ridges in the form of concentric circles across the top of the toy

stabilized the flight path. Suddenly it didn't wobble any more. Hey, presto! The Frisbee was born.

The funny thing about Ed is he really loved his Frisbee. He went on to invent "Disk Golf" in which players eschew their irons and woods in favour of

Frisbees which they fling at targets laid out like the holes at a golf course. Ed Headrick not only invented the game, he excelled at it. He was World Champion. Twice.

Did he take the game and the toy seriously? You bet. He liked to call his fellow addicts Frisbyterians. When he reached his nineties, Ed

Headrick sort of wrote his own obituary. He requested that his ashes be molded into a limited number of 'memorial flying disks' to be distributed to a select group of family and friends.

Frisbyterians all, naturally.

But what a way to go! Knowing that, on any given sunny afternoon, chances are there's a part of you out there in a park or on a back lawn sailing through the air from the fingertips of one friend to the fingertips of another.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Celebrating the spirit and life of fur people

from page 8

A link of love between man,
and my Lord, through me
For a man that loves an animal
Can't be all bad, Lord, you see.
Dear Lord I know I am blessed
For the love that's given me
But Lord what happens to the
rest?

For I am but one out of every
three

Dear Lord, the rest are tired and
unwanted

They're starved,
beaten and worn

They're cold,
wet and hungry

And man's love
from them is shorn

Dear Lord, a man who can't love
some animal

Or even a dog like me

Must hate himself and his fellow

This Lord, you and I can see.

Dear Lord, it's
though You
made me special
And gave eyes
that clearly see

A man's soul,

which is open, to only You and me

And the link that lies between us

Must surely, surely be

For when You spell my name

backwards

It is GOD just like Thee.

P.S. In the beginning, God created
man, but seeing him so feeble, he
gave him the dog.

Sincerely,

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HHHS briefs

Health board lobbies to end under-funding

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

The following is a collection of brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services December 19 board meeting.

Chief Executive Officer Keith Sansford reported on his successful meeting with Ministry of Health officials and the executive director of the Joint Policy Planning Committee of Ontario.

Sansford explained how the discussion revolved around how HHHS does not get the same recognition with regard to the funding formula as other hospitals of comparable size. Sansford says HHHS continues to be under-funded by \$3- to \$5-million directly as a result of the funding formula.

He says HHHS is unique in some ways such as the fluctuating seasonal population. However, other areas of Ontario also have unique problems and they are all lobbying to get those factors recognized within the funding formula.

In response to the frustration expressed by board members about why they are still facing a funding shortage, Chief Financial Officer Cathy Outram said that that the funding model changes every year and has been getting increasingly better. She says another factor in chronic under-funding is that as they continue to grow and establish services, they add costs while older hospitals have more historically fixed costs.

"Out of the four HKPR (Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge) hospitals, we had the largest percentage funding increase," says Sansford.

Outram says HHHS is 25 per cent under-funded according to the ministry's formula.

Doctor incentive

County council's representative on the board, Minden Reeve Ross Rigney, was asked to explain why county council supported a motion calling for the province to disallow municipalities to offer incentives to doctors to locate in their area.

"Was there any commitment from the county to work for the betterment of health care?" asked Peter White. "As board members we can't do it all. Will any support be forthcoming?"

"We'll do whatever we can to get doctors here," Rigney said before adding, "We've never viewed it as our responsibility before. Now municipalities are getting involved. There are two reeves on council who don't have an interest in this, they have other things on their minds."

"That's disturbing. This (doctor shortage) has far reaching effects...It would be nice to have something positive come out of the county," White responded.

Jack Brezina, HHHS chair, jumped in to say Gary King, Haliburton CAO, has been a wealth of information for the recruitment committee. Rigney says having King sitting on that committee shows the county is interested.

Foundation

Dale Walker, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director, says the Christmas fundraising "star" campaign is going exceptionally well.

She says last year they raised \$45,000 up from \$15,000 the year before while this year they are already at \$62,000, a number that was dated by the time she was speaking to the board.

Walker says a number of people are making donations in memory of or in honour of various individuals and organizations as well as regular gifts. Walker says she does not have any specific reasons as to why they are ahead at this point in time.

Hospital Association

The board wants the chief nursing officer have a voting position on the board. Sansford says the extreme scenario is that someone employed by the CEO could be voting on the CEO's employment. However, after a lengthy discussion members of the board agreed it was past time an individual representing nurses, the largest employee group, be represented on the board.

Regional lab?

Sansford discussed negotiations with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit and other partners in establishing a regional lab. A meeting will be held on January 10 to discuss the proposal. Sansford says it would be really beneficial to HHHS since they do not have an in-house lab.

Communications

Outram says they are moving forward with the establishment of a stand-alone computer that will be wirelessly connected to the Haliburton Family Health Centre. Doctors will then be able to access patient files.

Dr. Bob Heyes commented it would be extremely beneficial to the doctors and save them time and duplication and therefore money. He says sometimes tests are ordered in hospital that have already been done and if they could access those results the system would be more effective.

"Every hour of every business day we could be saving money by not duplicating," says Heyes.

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by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The Minden Fire Department is planning to take a more active role in fire prevention.

The department already conducts fire safety programs at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and CHACE Place Daycare. There are other programs such as the "Older and Wiser" program, aimed at seniors as well as "Check Your Detector" and Sparky programs for Brownies and Cubs.

Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell said any group interested in having the fire department make a presentation should contact him at 286-1541.

Schell says wood stoves can cause big problems. He cautions against burning wrapping paper in a wood stove. "It has glue in it that you shouldn't burn," he said. With the additives to the paper, it burns faster and hotter and there is a risk of causing a chimney fire if there is any creosote build-up.

"A lot of people think a chimney only needs to be cleaned once a year," Schell said. "They should be cleaned more often than that." Depending on how dry the wood is, creosote can build up to unsafe levels in as little as a month.

There is more to operating a wood stove than lighting it and leaving it. Everyone who operates a wood stove should have proper instruction.

All new stoves come with recommendations regarding distances from any combustible material. If a used stove is being installed, Schell said the rule of thumb is that it must be at least four feet from a

combustible wall. The distance can be reduced if certain non-combustible materials are used on the wall. Schell recommends keeping the wood box at least five feet from a stove.

Some fires are caused when people hang clothes too close to a stove to dry.

Stove pipes are another cause for concern. There are certain setbacks that must be observed. "It's not just a matter of punching a hole through the roof and running the pipe through," Schell said.

All new installations of wood heating appliances must meet municipal building

codes as well as fire codes. Schell recommends checking with your insurance company before installing a wood stove to make sure you comply with the company's regulations. Failure to do so can result in disqualification in the event of a claim. Some insurance companies require that the appliance be installed by a certified installer; some require proof of an inspection, either by a building inspector or one of their own inspectors. "Every insurance company is different," Schell said.

Schell points out that smoke detectors

are not only a good safety device, they are mandatory. In addition, every new home must have a carbon monoxide detector as well. He recommends installing carbon monoxide detectors in older homes as well.

The Fire Marshall's Public Fire Safety Council says statistics show most fatal fires occur during the cold winter months.

The Council offers a few safety tips aimed at preventing fires.

- If you must smoke indoors, make sure all cigarettes and matches are fully extinguished.

- Take care when cooking - never leave your cooking unattended; wear tight-fitting or rolled-up sleeves when cooking and keep all combustible materials a safe distance from the stove.

- Cooking or smoking while under the influence of alcohol can be deadly.

- Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and combustible materials. Snuff them out before leaving the room.

- Buy a fresh Christmas tree and keep the base in water at all times. Discard any broken or frayed sets of lights. Lit candles should never be placed on or near a Christmas tree. When a tree starts to dry out, it's time to discard it.

- Try to use fire retardant decorations and keep them away from possible ignition sources like candles. Check all lights, bulbs and extension cords to make sure nothing is frayed, cracked or broken.

- Keep portable heaters at least one metre away from anything that can burn. Don't use heaters to dry shoes or clothes.

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Celebrating Christmas at ASES



Archie Stouffer Elementary School welcomed Christmas and the New Year with their annual concert. Various musical, dance and theatrical performances were performed by ASES students in the morning on Friday, Dec. 20.

Top: (back, l-r) Tyler Turcotte, Kate Sutcliffe, Colton Dick, Brittany Kent, Tanisha Holmes, Kristen Campbell and Adriana Ellis. (front, l-r) Robby Hicks, unknown, and Alex Voicey.

Below top on right: Ray Johnson holds back the tears after receiving a standing ovation by appreciative students. Johnson retires this year after teaching for 30 years and eight at ASES.

Above right: Conner Murray, Taylor Norton and Mika Titze.

Right: Mrs. Rogers leads the school in Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

Above: Kara Hughes is dressed for the occasion.

Below top left: ASES teacher Sue Payne shows her angelic side.

Photos by Darren Lum



Learning centre volunteers get an A+

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

When Virginia Hopkings and her husband first retired to Boshkung Lake, all she wanted to do was soak up the beauty of her new home. After a busy career as a teacher, de-stressing was her top priority.

But once her spirit was renewed, she knew she needed something to keep her mind active. That's when a friend suggested she volunteer with the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre.

Ten years later, she's one of the centre's most cherished tutors.

"Virginia really invests in her students and encourages them and sees the whole person," says the centre's co-ordinator, Jane Selbie. "She's attracted to people who want to learn - it brings out the teacher in her."

Hopkings and fellow volunteer John Stouffer recently went to Peterborough to be presented with the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation's Ontario Volunteer Service Award. Hopkings was been honoured for her 10 years of work with the learning centre while Stouffer was thanked for his five years of volunteering as a tutor.

The learning centre, which is located on the top floor of the former Victoria Street School in Haliburton, had very humble beginnings. As Hopkings remembers, when she first started volunteering, the centre was in "a cubbyhole" at the employment office in Haliburton. The co-ordinator was Barbara Nangle, who has since moved on to pursue theological studies of her own.

Ironically, at the time, Selbie was in charge of the employment centre. In fact, if it wasn't for her, there likely wouldn't be a learning centre (which was first called the literacy centre.) As a person who dealt with people who were unemployed, she realized that some of them were out of work because they couldn't read. Teach them how to read and the barriers to employment would be lifted.

Selbie made all the applications and the John Howard Society in Lindsay agreed to sponsor the program.

Today, it offers many services. There's one-on-one tutoring for language skills, often at the person's home, tutoring for math (which is Stouffer's forte), English as a Second Language (ESL), and Popcorn Day, an innovative made-in-Haliburton program that's being copied by other centres. It focuses on oral communication for people with developmental delays.

"We lead with their strengths rather than their weak-

nesses," Selbie says of the reasons behind Popcorn Days' success.

She'd like the centre to concentrate more on basic computer skills - how to use a mouse and save documents - but no one has come forward yet to volunteer. (Hint, hint.) The centre has several computers and is on-line.

Hopkings was naturally drawn to the ESL program. She started her career as an elementary school teacher but finished it by teaching ESL at Sheridan College in Toronto.

"ESL is usually a slow, gradual improvement," she says. The main problem is students usually don't have much time to put into it since they're already juggling home and work. She'll often travel to her students' homes because transportation is often an issue for them.

And while she's grateful that the centre has moved out of its cubbyhole, and enjoys the wide open spaces at Victoria Street School, she says the location does have its

drawbacks. The big classroom is spacious and well-equipped, but it doesn't offer the quiet spaces for one-on-one work. As well, because it's on the third floor, older volunteers often have trouble traversing the stairs, an impediment to their desire to volunteer. It's also impossible for students with disabilities to make it to class.

There is always a need for more volunteers in any of the programs. Some people get scared off because they don't think they have the skills to be a teacher, but the centre does offer a training program and Stouffer says it's not as hard as people fear.

"In almost every case," he says, "the tutors know far more than the people they'll be working with. If they just listen and respond to the students' needs, it's a very rewarding thing."

Tutors are particularly needed in the Minden area. If you'd like to get involved, call Jane Selbie at 457-3430.



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Virginia Hopkings of Boshkung Lake and John Stouffer of Haliburton were recently honoured by the provincial government for volunteering with the local learning centre.

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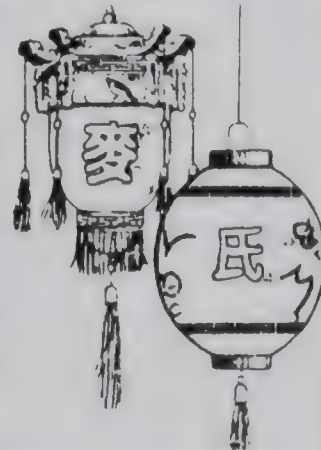
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HHSS player Zack Joanu fights for a loose ball with Falcons player Mike Woodrow in the offensive zone during last week's home game loss against Fenelon Falls 52-46.

Hawks destroy PCVS Raiders

HHSS briefs

Hockey HHSS 9 - PCVS 4

The HHSS senior men's hockey team dominated a less skilled PCVS Raiders team to the tune of 9-4 in Peterborough on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Raiders opened the scoring and held the lead for most of the first period, but the Red Hawks got things going when forward Jeremy Miscio scored the equalizer with 4:50 left in the first period. Joel Cooper assisted on the play.

Red Hawks player Matt Reil finished the period with a goal in the dying seconds, giving the Red Hawks a lead they would not relinquish. Reil finished with three points: two goals and an assist.

The eventual game winner came off the stick of Norm Smith at 9:47 of the second period. Ryan Wood and Joel Johnston assisted on the goal. Smith's goal gave the Red Hawks a 5-1 lead.

Wood finished the game with four points: a goal and three assists.

Entering play the Raiders were 1-9-0 and had allowed 91 goals in 10 games. The Red Hawks are now 4-4-1 and tied for second with the LCVI Spartans and Fenelon Falls Falcons in the Kawartha Boys High School League's West division.

They will return to the New Year with a complete roster, including Joel Cooper who was out with a dislocated shoulder.

Wednesday's home game against I.E. Weldon was cancelled due to a funeral for

one Lindsay school student and will be rescheduled in the new year.

With seven games left in the season, Miscio is 10th in scoring with eight goals and seven assists. Wood is not far behind at 19th with seven goals and six assists.

Their next home game is against I.E. Weldon at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Senior men's basketball HHSS 46 - FFSS 38

The Red Hawks are going into the holidays with a win thanks to contributions by the entire team roster.

From the starting five to the bench players, everyone was hustling, crashing the glass, running the floor against the visiting Falcons from Fenelon Falls.

Coach Paul Longo said it was one of the best team games played this entire season.

Captain Andrew Mansfield led Red Hawks' scorers with 13 points.

Junior boys basketball HHSS 45 - FFSS 52

The Red Hawks came within two points of tying in the third quarter, but succumbed to a Falcons 11-2 run to fall behind by nine points at the half.

Captain Conrad Flatman and coach Roland Zilla were ejected at the start of the fourth quarter for disputing a referee's call.

Benton Brown stepped up his play, distributing the ball to help bring the team to within four points late in the fourth.

Mark Fisher scored 13 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Red Hawks set sights on playoff berth

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The first half of the season has been a very competitive one for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks hockey team. Playing in the four-team Kawartha West Division, the Red Hawks are in a three-way tie for second with the LCVI Spartans of Lindsay and the Fenelon Falls Falcons. Each team has nine points. The Red Hawks' record is four wins, four losses and one tie.

Ron Yake, who shares the head coaching duties with Dan Marsden, said the division is "very evenly matched."

"It's going to be right down to the final game to see who makes the playoffs," Yake predicted. The top three teams of the division will advance to the playoffs.

The Red Hawks have played two Peterborough teams so far in the season and have won both games. The Peterborough teams comprise the Kawartha East division of the league.

"We have a very competitive, well balanced team," Yake said, adding that his players work hard in games as well as during practice sessions. He is pleased with the team spirit and work ethic.

The team captain is Ryan Wood. Yake said Wood is a good team leader. "He's well respected by the players. He gives 110 per cent every game and every prac-

tice."

Wood and Jeremy Miscio are the leading point-getters for the Red Hawks. "Jeremy and Ryan are leading on the scoreboard," Yake said.

The Red Hawks are solid in the goal-tending department as well. Ryan Hutson and Andrew Sachs have been alternating guard duty between the pipes.

The Red Hawks are looking forward to the return of two players who have been on the injured list. Joel Cooper has been out of the line-up with a shoulder injury and Evan Kernohan has been out with a bruised lung.

"We're excited to have a good, strong, competitive team," Yake said. "We have a good chance for a playoff run."

Falcons tournament

The Red Hawks finished second in their four-team pool at the annual Fenelon Falls Falcons' Hockey Tournament. The HHSS crew beat the Brock High School team and Thomas A. Stewart of Peterborough and lost to a team from Brantford.

The second place finish in their pool advanced the Red Hawks to the Consolation round, where they lost to the Weldon Wildcats in the semifinal.

Yake termed the tournament successful for the Red Hawks. "We were in the top eight of the 16-team tournament," he said.



HHSS forward and leading scorer Jeremy Miscio chases down a loose puck during early season action against the Fenelon Falls Falcons.

Earth Wind and Fire

by ANDY PAUL
Special to Times

The Cango Gas Bar Highland Storm Atoms answered the call out of town on the December 7 and 8 weekend, firstly to douse the Flames in Ops, and then to ground the Lightning in Little Britain. The Storm continued dominance in league play with the scores of 7-0 over the Ops Flames on Saturday, and then 3-0 over the mid-pack Mariposa Lightning.

The Storm troopers took the lead with a minute left in the first period on a goal by Mark Vasey, assisted by Keaton Gadway and Matt Gallagher. On the first shift of the second period, the line of Brett Hicks, Brandon Yake, and Craig Mulholland were abuzz all around the Flames net, hitting the goal post and the crossbar during an intense drive. This picked up the tempo and all units pressed for another goal. The forward line of Chris Judge, Ashton Haley and Adam Van Nood did an excellent job of cycling the puck in the Flames end, leading to a goal by Judge, assisted by Haley and Van Nood at the mid point of

the second period.

Occasionally the Flames shot back at the Storm and forced them to retreat to their own end. Zack Harrison had to make several great saves to preserve the impending shutout, and add to his league leading goal-against average.

Vasey tipped home a point shot, assisted by Mike Callaghan and Drew Paul for a 3-0 lead. Then, with less than a minute left, Van Nood scored on a fine passing play from Haley and Judge to close the period with the Storm leading the Flames 4-0.

Vasey got the hat trick on a rebound, assisted by Scott Griffith, and Gadway in the first minute of play to start the third period.

Mulholland added one, assisted by Yake and Matt Rae.

The Flames were awarded a penalty shot attempt with two and half minutes left in the game, but the Ops sniper could not solve 'the Riddler' Harrison in net. Captain Griffith scored for the Storm straight from a face off, carrying the puck single handed to the net to score the final goal, and to end the game with a 7-0 dousing of the

Flames.

The next day the Storm trekked to Little Britain to battle the Mariposa Lightning. The Storm had a slight edge in the first period but the score remained at 0-0 to start the second period. Rae had several scoring opportunities, and then opened the scoring by connecting from the slot on a pass from behind the net, assisted by Mulholland and Yake.

Harrison was tested more often in this game, and despite a close call, held the Lightning off the score sheet with his stellar saves.

Hicks made an excellent individual rush from his own end to the Lightning cage, scoring on a high shot to the glove side in the final seconds of the second period.

Early in the third period, Vasey snapped in a rebound from a point shot, assisted by Paul and Griffith. The Lightning had a good chance in the dying seconds, when one player sneaked behind the defense to get in alone on Harrison, but he preserved the shutout.

The Storm left the ice recharged, having grounded the Lightning with the 3-0 victory.

Bantam As sweep Mariposa

by ANDY LENNOX
Special to the Times

The Bantam A Storm enters the holiday season with a solid 15-4-1 record after recording three victories and a loss in the last four games. The Storm completed the sweep against arch-rival Mariposa with a decisive 4-2 victory. Storm marksmen were Justin McKelvey with a pair, while singles were recorded by Cody Mills and Scott Lewis. Goalie Mike Lennox was sharp between the pipes to keep the Lightning at bay.

However, this was a total team victory with each and every player on the Storm working hard and playing a focused, physical game.

The Storm then faced off against first place Woodville and played an uninspiring game of hockey. The local squad lost 5-0. 'Nuff said.

On the following day, Beaverton came to town and the Storm bounced back with a far superior effort to defeat the Blades by a 6-1 margin. Once again, the Storm played high energy, fast paced, physical and disciplined hockey. Goal scorers included Joe Gallagher (2), Derek Nesbitt, Mills, and Dylan Metcalfe.

And just a few days ago, the Storm bounced Ops by a 9-0 margin. Metcalfe and McKelvey were on fire, each recording a hat-trick. Jordan Joanu scored a pair and Devin Hunter completed the scoring with a single. From now on, the schedule gets harder for the Storm with only tough games on the horizon, including the Silver Stick tournament and play-offs just around the corner.

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Highland Storm December Schedule

Note: The Minden/Haliburton designation refers to the arena where games will be played.

Saturday, Dec 28

1:00 Haliburton Atom AE vs Huntsville
2:00 Minden Atom Rep vs Mariposa
2:30 Haliburton Pee wee AE vs Gravenhurst
7:00 Haliburton Midget AE vs Gravenhurst

Sunday, December 29

3:00 Haliburton Atom Rep vs Ops



Novice B Storm win big at home

by WENDY SISSON
Special to the Times

The Storm's minor Novice team is off and skating in the second round of regular season play.

The first game brought Mariposa to Haliburton.

The home boys found themselves down 1-0 early in the first period but then rallied, answering with three goals of their own. Tanner Ballantyne opened the scoring for the Storm and then Zachary Boice notched the next two. Assists went to Jordan Howe, Nick Hunter and Tanner Hamilton. Howe was on a roll, scoring two more goals in the second, assisted by Ballantyne and Stewart Chaulk. In the third, Ballantyne finished off the scoring with an unassisted goal for a 6-1 win.

Next on the schedule was an uncommon mid-week trip to Ops. The boys stormed through, putting on a scoring clinic.

At the third period buzzer goals had been scored by Ballantyne, Howe, Hunter, Jacob Harrison, Tanner Hamilton, Boice, Chaulk, and, with his first goal as a Storm, Jacob Sisson. Assists went to many of the same plus Ben Hicks, Tyler Barry and Donovan MacInnes.

The coaching staff of John Ballantyne, Jeff Howe and Dean Chaulk deserve a pat on the back. While this young team is doing well, the coaches are quick to keep them focused and in check when their heads appeared to be getting a little too big for their helmets.



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Hawks high: Andrew Sachs gets up and gets a hand in front of Falcons player. Hawks won 46-38.

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Nice try, but...

The PeeWee A Storm goalie stacks the pads, making a save in the third period of a recent game in Minden. Unfortunately, the Storm came out at the bottom of the final score.

Highlanders storm Manvers

by BILL HUTSON
Special to The Times

The Midget A Storm hockey team took a second long road trip to Manvers on December 12 to play the Mustangs, this time after a scheduling mix-up the first trip left the Storm playing an exhibition game.

Helpers from the AE team were needed due to some lingering suspensions, so blueliners Mark Fisher and Ironman Justin Abbs, came along for the game.

Once again, scoring in the first period was slow as the team seemed to play well below its capabilities. Once into the second frame, the puck seemed to find the net almost every shot, with a final score of 15-3 in favour of the Storm. Plays of the game were: Jesse Johnson found "the Jazz" again with four goals and two assists; a five goal, three assist performance from Jeremy Miscio; and six assists for Evan Kernohan. The AE Connection saw Justin Abbs notch two goals and three assists and Mark Fisher add one goal and two assists.

The game of the week of the regular season was the Sunday, December 15 away game against the Ops Flames. Both teams have been battling for first place all season. The Midget Storm had been playing weak teams up to this meeting, so when the puck dropped they didn't have time to wait to the second period to get going. Fast skating and hard hits led to the Flames' opening goal on their first shot on net. The first period favoured the Flames in play but good defensive work from Bowman, Hutson, Aggett and Petch keep the game in reach.

Late in the first Jeremy Miscio, on a nice pass out of the corner from Kolt Smith, knotted the game at one each

going into the second period.

Ops continued to keep the pressure on and scored two more in the middle period.

The Storm had numerous chances and outplayed the Flames but the puck refused to go in the net. Missing our big lads, Joel Cooper, Joel Johnson and Phil Greer was a disadvantage in this game.

The score was 3-1 for the Flames going into the third period, definitely not out of reach since this team is a late game performer.

The pace stayed constant, fast and hard hits with the Storm having many chances to score both on the rush and controlling the play in the Flames zone, but the back of the net was only to be found once more - by Evan Kernohan, assisted by Kevin Walker - for a final score of Flames 4, Storm 2. First place for the Storm will have to be decided by someone else defeating the Ops team.

The Storm had a rematch with the Mustangs on December 17. After the large defeat of the Mustangs in the last meeting and losing first place to Ops, the Storm was rather lackluster about this whole event.

Even so, it only took about 30 seconds to tally the first goal and the trend continued through the game to a final score of 15-0 for the Storm.

The tough part of this game was getting the boys to keep their heads and not get drawn into penalties and suspensions. Coach Roberts had a talk after a fiery second period and the third was tamer.

All hands were in place for this game as the wounded have returned ready to play. Only highlight to this game was a solid performance by goalie Jeremy Moynes.

Playoffs under way

Regular play of the first schedule is wrapped up at the Minden Curling Club, which is now in playoffs.

The first schedule winning teams are: Monday Night Ladies - Pat Woodcroft; Tuesday Night Men's - Alf Trotter; Thursday Night Mixed - Ted Wilkes; Friday Night Mixed - Dan Garbutt.

Quarter finals started Dec. 19, with semi finals in the first week in January and playoff finals Jan. 8, 9 and 10.

The second schedule will start the week of January 13.

Free instruction will be available on January 3 and 4 for beginners and advanced. Call 286-3311 to register.

League scores for the week of December 9

Monday Night Ladies	Jim Garbutt 10, Fred Simmons 3
Linda Eaton 6, Pat Woodcroft 6	Jack Brezina 8, Melanie Vigrass 7
Nancy Garbutt 8, Melanie Vigrass 2	Jim Pollard win over Brian Cross
Linda Pawluch 10, Zelda Cooper 3	Peter Alexander 7, Jack Taylor 4

Tuesday Night Mens

Dwight Thomas 7, Rob Eaton 7	
Alf Trotter 7, Dan Garbutt 5	
Jim Pollard 7, Don Ballantyne 6	
Peter McNeilage 9, Jim Garbutt 3	
Ted Wilkes 13, Bill Roodenburg 2	
Ed Cyr 9, Al Aubry 3	

Friday Night Mixed

Lawrence Loughed 5, Rob Eaton 4	
Murray Cooper 7, Cheryl Murdoch 6	
Al Aubry 13, Brian Cross 3	
Sandy Cole 5, Bill Roodenburg 3	
Dan Garbutt 7, Pat Campbell 6	
Paul Prentice 6, Jake Walker 3	
Harvey Kivela 11, Linda Pawluch 4	

Thursday Night Mixed

Ted Wilkes 7, Peter McNeilage 4	
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CARNARVON LANES

Seniors' Bowling League, Thursday afternoon, December 12

High Average: Jim Cummings 226, Mona Benn 192	
High Single: Jesse Barlow 236, Mona Benn 245	
High Single (handicap): Jesse Barlow 267, Mona Benn 272	
High Triple: Jesse Barlow 625, Mona Benn 632	
High Triple (handicap): Jesse Barlow 718, Mona Benn 713	

Thursday Afternoon, December 19

High Average: Ken Thompson 205, Pearl Foster 178	
High Single: Ken Thompson 230, Pearl Foster 232	
High Single (handicap): Bob McMath 253, Pearl Foster 294	
High Triple: Ken Thompson 616, Pearl Foster 536	
High Triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 734, Pearl Foster 722	

Wednesday Afternoon, December 18

High Average: Ken Thompson 221, Mona Benn 192	
High Single: Avar Edwards 270, Jean Pugh 220	
High Single (handicap): Fred Phipps 302, Solveb Stout 272	
High Triple: Avar Edwards 723, Jean Pugh 603	
High Triple (handicap): Avar Edwards 783, Jean Pugh 729	

Tuesday Afternoon, December 17

High Average: Ken Thompson 209, Mona Benn 199	
High Single: Ross Henderson 253, Mona Benn 251	
High Single (handicap): Ross Henderson 303, Mona Benn 277	
High Triple: Ken Thompson 600, Mona Benn 720	
High Triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 786, Mona Benn 786	

Minden Hills Lanes, 636 Mixed December 16

MINDEN LANES

High Average: Bob Vankoughnet 191, Pat Roussel 153	
High Single: Milt Fletcher 186, Pat Roussel 202	
High Single (handicap): Milt Fletcher 260, Pat Roussel 260	
High Triple: Milt Fletcher 520, June Anderson 490	
High Triple (handicap): Milt Fletcher 742, June Anderson 688	

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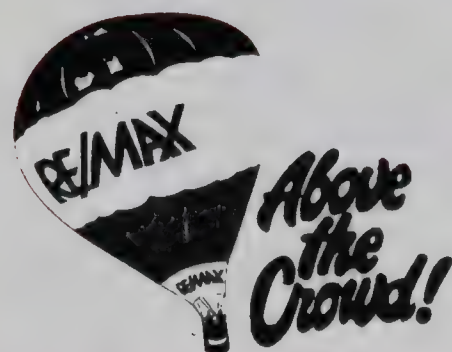


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Elves invade Hyland Crest

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all the residents and we wish to say thank you to them, along with a special thank you to Paige Brown for her help.

Music with the "Tri Vocals" performing were a real treat. They are made up of Chris Archer, Jessie Pflug and Elly Malcomson with accompaniment from Jim Malcomson and Burr Bonnell.

Another evening we were taken on a Christmas Musical Journey by a group called In Harmony and what a wonderful evening of entertainment. Pastor Merv Everall was the MC. We sang many Christmas carols with the help of some very cute little elves, listened to a reading of the "Gift of the Magi" as well as a delightful reading of "Twas The Night Before Christmas." We were also blessed with a solo from a young gentleman named Andrew, Laura Fitzell's nephew. What an amazing voice he has. Thank you to everyone for bringing such joy and those who brought all the delicious goodies, we truly enjoyed them. We thank Don and Marg and Barb Trocowicz for always being there.

We received a gift of a painted, wooden snowman from Elaine Davidson. He looks great standing beside our Christmas tree. Thank you.

The local church groups gathered together to presented us with "Musical Journey." The music was fabulous and we thoroughly enjoyed the recitations and delicious food

served after the performance. The reporters cannot find the words to describe this event.

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary provided a lovely assortment of goodies for our Christmas Tea. Thank you to all the ladies for a good time and excellent food! Also thank you to Mabel Brannigan for the delicious cookies. Everyone is enjoying them, but none more than Keith.

December 20 was to have been our "Family Christmas Dinner." However, due to circumstances beyond our control, family members were unable to attend. Our "Family Dinner" has been postponed until February 7, a time we hope, when everyone will be much healthier.

Besides all the great foods, we have been well entertained! Many talented people have given us the gift of their music. Northern Jam, Sonya Proctor, Jack and Ruth Worthington, Joy Bain, Allsaw Gospel Singers, Norland Hillbillies, Country Hot Flashes, The Gang and Gord Kennedy and all those mentioned earlier, just to name a few. We are blessed to have all these entertainers who make our lives so much more enjoyable. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Dan Millard officiated the memorial service as we celebrated the lives of Marjorie Watt, and Margaret LeClair. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

We are pleased to have Rev. Everall back with us, and

we enjoyed his Christmas message. Pastor Ashley Taylor of the Minden Bible Church is providing a special Christmas Eve Service for us. Later that evening we are looking forward to a personal visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Now aren't we fortunate - that's what being good gets you.

With all that is going on you would think we would be played out, however we see by the calendar that a New Years Eve Party is scheduled. Nothing like starting the New Years out right!

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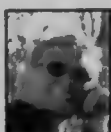
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by DOLORES CARTMILL
Special to The Times

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Beryl Henderson, the vice-president, welcomed the members and their guests.

We sang the Women's Institute grace and proceeded to enjoy the delicious casseroles, salads and desserts made by our members.

Following our lunch, we opened our meeting and fourteen members and five guests answered the roll call with Christmas versus.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report. Our receipts from our involvement at the Minden Arena on December 7 & 8 were discussed.

Greeting cards and get well cards were sent to friends and members of the Women's Institute. The meeting closed with everyone repeating the Lord's prayer.



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Kinmount is aglow. Throughout our community many have made the effort to light their homes with multi-colours or strings of clear icicles. An evening trip along County Road 121 towards Fenelon Falls becomes magical thanks to Marsh and Goldie Dudman's wonderful display. This week I choose to borrow a paragraph from my sister Lynne's monthly column in her local paper.

Although writing about East Gwillumbury her words still apply. "The lights of Christmas, whether they be the fires of antiquity or modern electric bulbs, appeal to our need to illuminate the dark corners and to dispel fear and ignorance. Light brings comfort and a sense of security. Our community glows with the spirit of this blessed season and many a pleasant walk or drive brings exclamations of wonder from young and old alike. The beautiful lights of Christmas lead us home to those we love; to the warm company of family and friends. May love and light be yours this Christmas season."

Now here is the Scoring News along with warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas from the old farmhouse here on the Galway Road.

Wednesday, December 11 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: The ladies/men

high scores were recorded by Theresa Deak and Norm Carter, with the low scores going to Joanne Freeman and her dad Gerald Silver. Truman McNeil held the most lone hands. Regular draws went to Bill St. Thomas and Ted Wilkins, while Theresa Deak, Joanne Freeman and Nora Swinson took home the Christmas Draw prizes.

Thursday, December 12 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In the most lone hands column it was Helen Skelding for the ladies and Todd Edgson for the gents. Esther Lee and John Millon took the high scores, while Debbie Fisher and Dean Chambers recorded the lows. Other prize winners included Georgina Parks, Norm Lee, Tom Orr, Paul Dawson and Laura Carnegie.

Friday, December 13 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Tied for first in north/south at 57% were the teams of Nick and Maria Lehoczy and Norma Crewson

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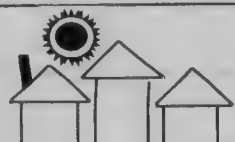
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Apple doesn't fall far from tree in Stanhope

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and Vic Matthews. In second place were Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher with 50%. With an impressive 75% Reet Murray and Bill Sandford led in east/west, followed by Mayme Douglas and Hal Beach 58%. Bridge at Echo Hills will resume on January 3.

Saturday, December 14 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: No euchre was held due to a prior booking but Ruth Kellett reminds everyone that there will be cards on both December 21 and 28.

Monday, December 16 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Tom Orr was a double winner, taking both most lone hands and the baloney. Barb Robitaille was joined by Bob McConnell in the high score department, with Kay Orr and Harry Randell recording the lows for the evening. From Ken Wallace and everyone at Club 35 best wishes for the holidays and a reminder that the next euchre will be on January 6.

Monday, December 16 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: Pearl Cowen had most lone hands for the ladies and Dean Chambers for the gents. High scores went to Lorna Hicks and Norm Lee, while Joyce Ritchie and Don Hicks took the lows. The hidden scores were uncovered by Katie Parker and Barb Braithwaite. Fern Donnelly and Marion Stickwood took the regular draws, with Gala Stamp, Laura Carnegie, Barbara Braithwaite and Marion Stickwood winning the special Christmas Draw prizes of handknit slip-

pers made by Julie Keberer. Birthday best wishes went out to Pearl Cowen and Gladys Nesbitt, while Joyce Ritchie and Carl Nesbitt graciously received Seasons Greetings from the black and white visitor.

Monday, December 16 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Idella Gault reports that Georgina Deeks had the high score and Joan Kernohan the low. For most lone hands the winner was Iris Taylor, with Cecil Smith receiving the special draw prize.

Monday, December 16 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Top spot went to Elli Langpohl, with Mildred St. Thomas second. Moonshot winners were Ida Young, Vic Ballik and Marjorie Paradis, while Kit Schroter and Eileen Shepstone took the special draws. Mildred reminds everyone that there will be cards on December 23.

Tuesday, December 17 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Elli Langpohl led the top trio followed by Pat Scadden and Anne Baker. Moonshots landed on Len Kroes, Jean Scadden, and Marcel Roussel while Ruth Kellett, Don Burch and Marie Dennie held the hidden scores. Marie reminds everyone that there will be euchre on December 24 and that a special hello is sent to Elva Paisley from her many friends.

Tuesday, December 17 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: In top spot was the duo of Syd Lockhart and Pearl Cowen 347, fol-

lowed by Belle Walker teamed with Laura Carnegie 294, and George Hamilton and Moe Briscoe 273 third. The low score of the afternoon was recorded by Bob Alexander and Verna Sawyer, who joined everyone in wishing Pearl Cowen a very Happy Birthday.

Tuesday, December 17 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and reports that for the ladies Betty Hicks took the high score and Joyce Schellenberg the low. Don Curry scored top spot for the gents and Ralph Young the low. For most lone hands Don Hicks took the honours and Harold Harvie was the special draw winner.

Tuesday, December 17 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three slams involving only four players. One went to Muriel McIntosh and Frank Schlotter, a second to Muriel and husband Doug, and the third to Frank this time partnered with Mary McNeice. With a score of 7000, first place went to Muriel McIntosh, followed by Pearl Foster 6170, Mary McNeice 5960 and Mike Collins 5580. The lucky draw winner was Dorothy Strype. Doug McIntosh applauded Muriel's "TADFFFTT" Award. He claims, quite rightly, the full credit for her expertise at bridge agreeing that indeed "The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The

Tree." The next bridge at Stanhope is scheduled for January 8.

Wednesday, December 18 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: It was our reporter Mildred St. Thomas winning high lady with Mary Wilkins low. High man was Harold Harvie, while Bill St. Thomas recorded the low score and Nora Swinson held the most lone hands. Draw winners Joanne Freeman and Theresa Deak look forward to seeing everyone out again on January 8.

Wednesday, December 18 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshot landings were reported by Marcel Roussel, Rob Evans, Len Kroes and June Branning, while Pat Roussel doubled and also led the pinks with 330. Helen Henderson was next at 286 and Lottie Ruttan 272 was third. For the white cards it was Don Burch (a.k.a. the Great White Hunter) first at 328, followed by Rob Evans 302 and Marcel Roussel 269.

Wednesday, December 18 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher teamed up to win in north/south at 54% with Rita and Glen Lockhart 53% second. In east/west it was Wynne and Morris Hansen 58% first and Hal Beach partnered with Mike Collins second at 55%. January 8 will be the next bridge date at Park Lane.

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I WOULD LIKE to thank everyone for the phone calls, visits, fruit baskets, care and concern before and after my recent surgery. The wonderful care by all the nurses, Dr. Stone and the rest of the staff while in Ross Memorial, for everyone who helped with rides for myself and my good wife, Anne, good friends and family are the greatest blessings. Thanks again and Merry Christmas, Ron Burk.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to my family for the lovely 80th birthday party they gave me at Staunworth Terrace. To my relatives, friends and neighbours for all the cards, phone calls and gifts, Rev. Jim and the congregation of Zion United Church in Carnarvon, many thanks and God Bless, Helen Skelding.

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460 OBITUARIES

JOHN A. BUCHANAN
Resident of Minden, Ontario
(Firefighter stationed at Pearson International Airport)

Suddenly as a result of an accident on Wednesday, December 18, 2002.

Loving husband of Julie and loving father of Kenton McGann and Natasha McGann. Dear son of Beatrice and the late Ross Buchanan and brother of Wesley and Janice. Dear son-in-law of Chas and Maria McGann and brother-in-law to Tony, Kevin and Maria. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Those who knew John will remember his laughter, his spirit and his love for life. Those who knew him will never forget him. We love you John and we miss you! Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Sunday, December 22, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Monday, December 23, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation will follow. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. CA

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M. AUDREY ELSTONE
Passed away peacefully at the Highland Wood, Haliburton, on Friday, December 20, 2002 at the age of 93.

Beloved wife of the late Russel. Dear mother of Donald and his wife Jean, Douglas and his wife Betty, Valerie and her husband the late George Nettleton, Peter and his wife Gwen, John and wife Lynette. Loving grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Helen Lytle and the late Harriet Loucks. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday. Funeral Service in the chapel on Monday, December 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Spring interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Ingoldsby United Church (downstairs). Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. CA

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- **December 17:** Jr. Floor Hockey at 5:30 p.m. and Adult Floor Hockey at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call (705)766-9968 for more information.
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- **December 24:** The Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed today at noon until January 2nd.
- **December 30:** Please join Home Support at 1:00 p.m. for Contract Bridge. Call Ida for more information 457-2941.
- **January 2:** Join Home Support's Wheels to Meals Program at the Minden Legion at 1:00 p.m. Please call Ida to make your reservations 457-2941.
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- **January 10:** Please join Home Support for Wheels to Meals at Bolger's Fine Dining in Harcourt. To make your reservation, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- **January 10:** Join Home Support for Cribbage at 1:00 p.m. in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. For more information please contact Ida at 457-2941.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- Home Support is holding an ongoing Treasure Sale in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. We accept items in good condition. Drop in and check it out.
- **January 24:** Alzheimer Society Family/ Caregiver Group at 1:00 p.m. Kinmount and District Health Centre, Open group. A portable library is also available in your area for home viewing.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. NOTE: This calendar is NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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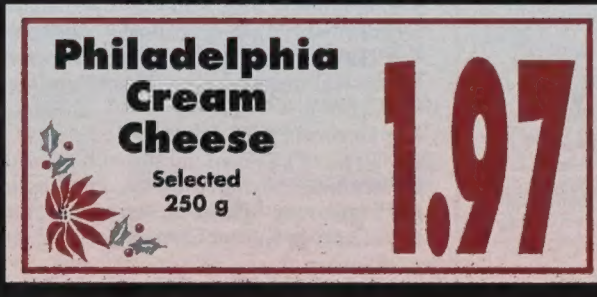
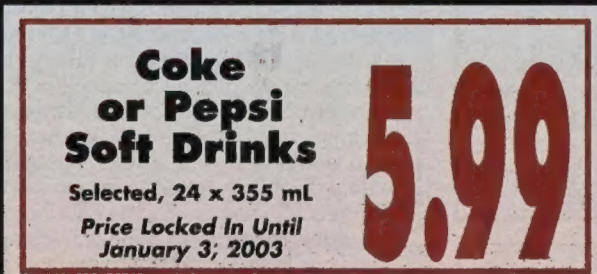
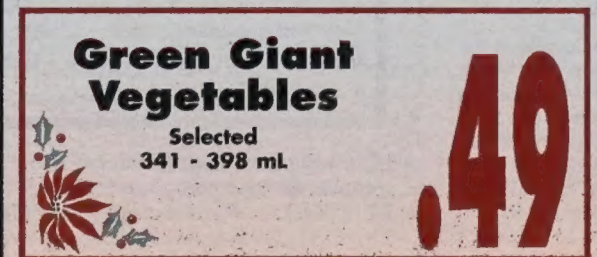
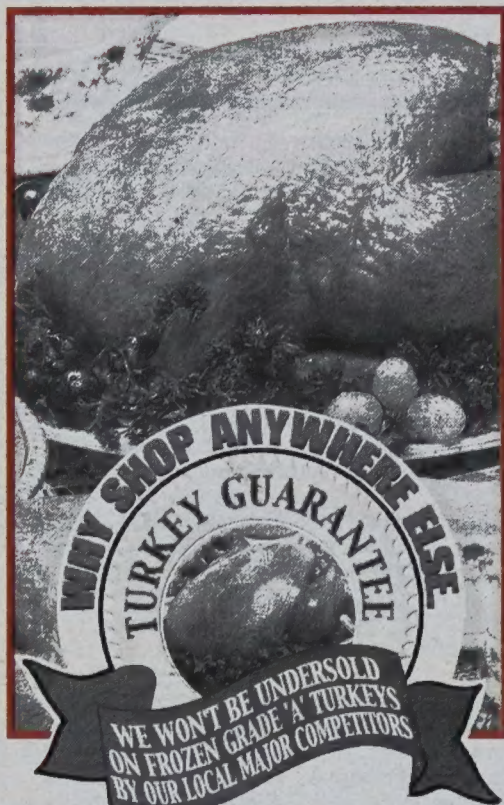
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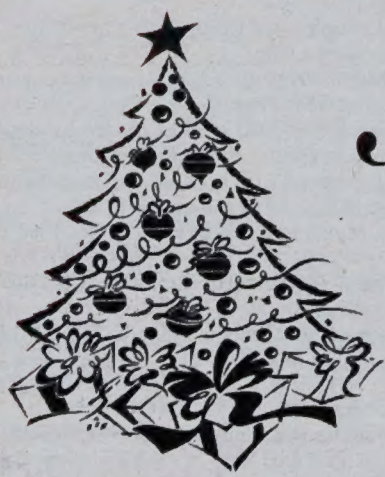


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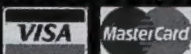
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